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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: NEXT MEETING OF US-SPANISH
COUNCIL (S/S NO. 7720150)

ISSUE FOR DECISION

DURING YOUR JUNE 23 PARIS MEETING WITH SPANISH FOREIGN
MINISTER MARCELINO OREJA, YOU DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS
HOLDING THE NEXT MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL AT THE
END OF SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER, WHEN OREJA VISITS NEW
YORK FOR THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. OREJA RECENTLY PROPOSED
THAT THE COUNCIL MEET DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 27-30.
THIS MEMO RECOMMENDS THAT YOU AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO MEET
DURING THAT WEEK, WITH THE DATE TO BE SET LATER WHEN
YOUR OWN SCHEDULE IS FIRMED UP.

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THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL MEETS SEMI-ANNUALLY TO REVIEW
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1976 TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION AND TO CONSULT ON OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST. YOU VISITED MADRID ON MAY 12 FOR THE LAST
COUNCIL MEETING. A SESSION IN LATE SEPTEMBER WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE AND REASONABLY CONVENIENT. AS THE CUSTOM HAS

DEVELOPED, THIS WOULD INVOLVE A MID-DAY MEETING FOLLOWED BY LUNCH. THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES THE RESPECTIVE CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES, AND GENERAL GEORGE BROWN RETURNS BY SEPTEMBER 30 FROM A TRIP TO EUROPE (INCLUDING A VISIT TO SPAIN AT THE INVITATION OF HIS SPANISH COUNTERPART).

ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD APPEAR FEASIBLE TO HOLD THE COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 30, DURING YOUR OWN ATTENDANCE AT THE UNGA SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2. HOWEVER, YOUR NEW YORK SCHEDULE IS NOT FIRM BECAUSE WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN THE PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND THE UNGA. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE COUNCIL MEET THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, DEFERRING A DECISION ON A SPECIFIC DATE UNTIL YOUR OTHER COMMITMENTS ARE MORE CLEAR.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT YOU AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD A ONE HOUR MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL AND TO HOST A WORKING LUNCH FOR THE COUNCIL IN NEW YORK DURING THE LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER, WITH THE DATE TO BE SET LATER, AND FURTHER, THAT YOU APPROVE OUR RESPONDING TO OREJA ALONG THESE LINES.

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